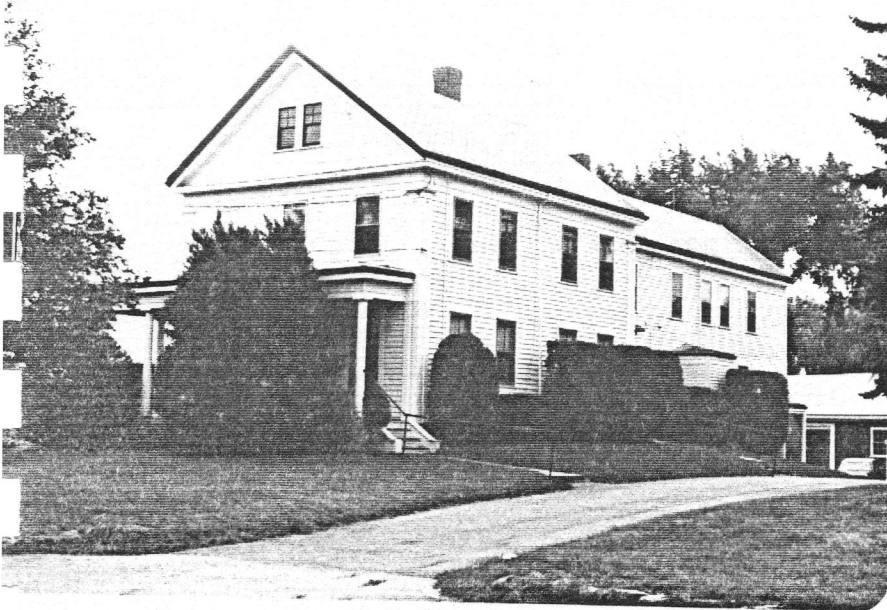


FORM B - BUILDING

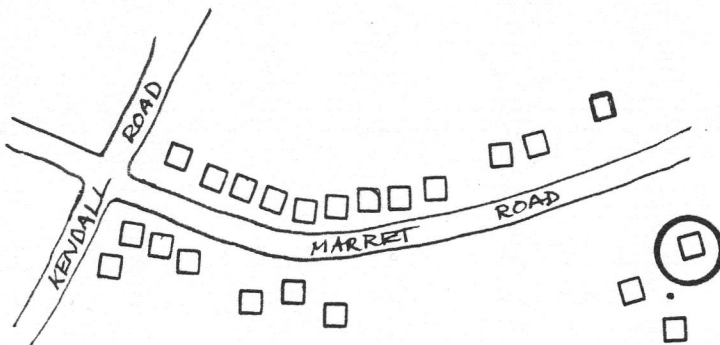
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission
Date April, 1984

Town Lexington
Address 212 210 Marrett Road
Historic Name Patch-Nelligan-Swenson
Farm _____

Use: Present residence
Original residence and farm

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850
Source stylistic analysis, map research

Style Greek Revival
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric clapboards
Outbuildings barn, cottage, shed

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 2.76 A.

Setting Surrounded on three sides by open conservation land, the building retains a setting which must approximate the original.

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Greek Revival features of this building include the closed pediment, broad frieze, panelled corner pilaster, and fluted columns on the porch (columns have no entasis). This is one of two substantial but simply finished dwellings in the style near each other on Marrett Road.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was owned in 1853 by Abel Eliab Bridge, a descendant of Matthew Bridge who owned the farm at 271 Marrett Road in the eighteenth century. A.E. Bridge moved back to Lexington from Vermont c. 1850, and must have then built this house on the family's property.

By 1875 the house was owned by Franklin Patch. His son, Oscar Llewellyn Patch inherited the property. Oscar was first a machinist and then an engineer at the Bedford Springs Hotel. He sold the house before 1899 and by 1906 he was living at 16 Winthrop Road.

The next owner was John P. Nelligan, a provisions dealer, who lived in Cambridge at first and must have purchased the property as a market garden farm.

In the early twentieth century the farm was bought by Henning Swenson and his brother who were dairy farmers. The Swensons started farming in 1908 at 29 Allen Street nearby. After moving to Marrett Road, they had 100 cows, employed 18 laborers and sold milk to the community.

The house is still owned by the Swenson family, but the acreage of the farm is now conservation land.

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1830 map

1853 map

1875 atlas

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